

CHARLES APPLETON.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 461.]

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MARCH 23, 1860.

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Mr. F. W. KELLOGG, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the claim and petition of Charles Appleton, report :*

That they have examined the evidence in the case, from which it appears that the petitioner was private in the United States army. A letter from the Adjutant General, dated November 29, 1859, says : "It appears from the records of this office that Charles Appleton enlisted March 30, 1847, for during the war, and was discharged May 2, 1848, at Vera Cruz, on surgeon's certificate of disability, a private in company G, 1st artillery." The surgeon's certificate states that he was discharged for "chronic diarrhœa and fistula, from exposure of climate and hardship during his service in said war." The petitioner represents that these diseases left him totally unfit for manual labor. A communication from the Surgeon General, dated March 14, 1860, states that the said "Charles Appleton has ulceration of the perinæum, connected with a fistula opening into the lower bowel, and he is thereby, in my opinion, *totally* disabled from obtaining his subsistence from manual labor. The records of this office show that Charles Appleton, private in company G, 1st artillery, was discharged at Vera Cruz May 2, 1848, on surgeon's certificate, for *ulcer of perinæum*." Signed by Richard H. Coolidge, assistant surgeon United States army. His application for a pension was rejected at the Pension office, on the ground that it did not sufficiently appear that his disability was contracted in the service. Your committee concur in the opinion that it is a meritorious claim, and therefore report a bill for his relief.

